VICKIE LANGOHR

Department of Political Science
College of the Holy Cross

Employment, College of the Holy Cross

Director, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies concentration (2021-2024)

Chair, Political Science Department, 2015-8

Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, 2024 - present

Associate Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, 2005 – present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, 1998 – 2004

Director, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Holy Cross, 2003-5, 2007-11, 2012-13

Education

Columbia University, New York City, NY
Ph.D. in Political Science, February 2000
Dissertation: "Religious Nationalism 101: How State Educational Systems Strengthened Religious Nationalist Movements in Colonial-Era Egypt, North India, and Indonesia"

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA), American University in Cairo, 1989-1990 (intensive year-long, non-degree Arabic program)

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
B.A. in Political Science, 1989

Publications

"The Changing Face of Women's Political Participation in the Middle East," The Monkey Cage blog, with Marc Lynch and Lauren Baker, *Washington Post*, May 10, 2016, "Why Egyptians Have Mobilized Against Public Sexual Violence," The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, April 6, 2016

"Women's Rights Movements During Political Transitions: Activism Against Public Sexual Violence in Egypt," (contribution to the roundtable "After the 'Spring': New Patterns of Grassroots Politics?"), *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, January 2015

"Arab Youth Activism for Gender Equality," The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, November 10, 2014

"Labor Movements and Organizations," chapter in *The Arab Uprisings Explained: New Contentious Politics in the Middle East*, ed. Marc Lynch, (Columbia University Press, September 2014)

"New President, Old Patterns of Sexual Violence," Middle East Report Online, July 7, 2014

"Political Science," Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, *Encyclopedia of Woman and Islamic Cultures: Disciplinary Paradigms and Approaches, 2003-2013*, ed. Suad Joseph, (Brill: Leiden, 2013), 269-281

"This is Our Square: Fighting Sexual Assaults at Cairo Protests," *Middle East Report*, Vol. 13, Fall 2013

"The Improvement of Women's Rights in the Arab World: The Importance of Governing Authorities," Vickie Langohr and Amaney Jamal, in *Governance in the Middle East and North Africa: A Handbook*, ed. Abbas Kadhim, (Routledge, 2012)

"Strong NGOs Are Vital to Protect Women," (commentary on protection of women's rights in the draft Egyptian constitution), *Egypt Independent*, November 26, 2012

"The Muslim Brotherhood and Girls' and Women's Rights in Egypt," in *Islam: Islamist Movements and Democracy in the Middle East*, eds. Rajeesh Kumar and Navaz Nizar, (New Delhi: Global Vision Publishing House, 2012)

"How Egypt's Revolution Has Dialed Back Women's Rights," Foreign Affairs.com, December 22, 2011

"Time for the U.S. To Put Its Money Where Its Mouth Is," Foreign Policy.com, January 29, 2011

"Does Gender Discrimination Explain Arab Authoritarianism?" (Arabic), in *Toward the Study of Gender in Political Science*, ed. Mervat Hatem, (Cairo: *Al-Mar'at wa al-Thakira*, 2010). This is a slightly revised, Arabic version of the conference paper of the same name presented at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, 2005.

"Experiments in Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Religious Democracy," *Middle East Report*, Winter 2005, No. 237

"Colonial Education Systems and The Spread of Local Religious Movements: The Cases of British Egypt and Punjab," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, January 2005

"Too Much Civil Society, Too Little Politics: The Case of Egypt and the Arab Liberalizers," *Comparative Politics*, January 2004

- a slightly revised version of this was reprinted in *Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Regimes and Resistance*, eds. Michele Penner Angrist and Marsha Pripstein Posusney, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Press), 2005

"The Exit from Arab Autocracy," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol.13, No.3, July 2002

- republished in *Islam and Democracy in the Middle East*, eds. Larry Diamond, Marc Plattner, and Daniel Brumberg, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003)

"Educational 'Subcontracting' and The Spread of Religious Nationalism: Hindu and Muslim Nationalist Schools in Colonial India and Indonesia," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, Vol. XXI Nos. 1 and 2, 2001

"Of Islamists and Ballot Boxes: Rethinking the Relationship Between Islamisms and Electoral Politics," *International Journal of Middle East Studies,* 33, November 2001

"Frosty Reception for U.S. Religious Freedom Commission in Egypt," *Middle East Report* (online version), March 29, 2001

"Cracks in Egypt's Electoral Engineering: The 2000 Vote," *Middle East Report* (online version), November 7, 2000

"Introducing Students to Middle East Political Activists Through the World Wide Web: One Political Scientist's Approach," *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, Vol. 33, No. 1, Summer 1999

Conferences and Presentations

"Policing Women's Rights: Security Responses to Public Sexual Harassment in Egypt," American Political Science Association annual conference, Boston, MA, September 3-6, 2026

"Policing Public Sexual Harassment in Egypt: The Changing Role of Civil Society Groups and the Police, 2006-2019," British Society for Middle East Studies annual conference, London, U.K., June 23-25, 2026

"Policing Public Sexual Harassment in Egypt: The Changing Role of the Egyptian Police (2005-2019)," Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., November 21-24, 2025

"The 'Pre-Work' Before 2011: Analyzing Egyptian Efforts Against Sexual Harassment in Public Spaces from 2005-2010 and How They Paved the Way for PostRevolutionary Efforts," Gender, Politics, and Policy in the MENA workshop, University of Utah, April 18, 2025

"Factors Affecting State Action on Public Sexual Harassment: Egypt in Comparative Perspective & Theory-Building," Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Montreal, November 2-5, 2023

"Conditions for Fighting Violence Against Women: The Case of Sexual Harassment in Egypt," American Political Science Association annual conference, August 28-31, 2023 (panel held online rather than in-person in Los Angeles in compliance with the request made to APSA by striking UNITE HERE hotel

workers to move the conference to another city or online). I organized the panel on which this paper appeared, titled "Activism Against, and Accountability for, Sexual Violence in the Global South"

"The Brave Woman and The Protective State: Egyptian TV Narratives on Criminal Prosecution of Sexual Harassment," Institute of Women's Studies ninth annual conference, Bir Zeit University (West Bank, Palestine), June 17, 2023

"The Brave Woman and The Protective State: Egyptian TV Narratives on Criminal Prosecution of Sexual Harassment," Gender, Law and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa, conference sponsored by the Program on Law and Society in the Muslim World, Harvard Law School, May 3, 2023

"Gendering the Run-Up to Revolution: Anti-Harassment Activism in Egypt in the Last Years of Mubarak," Middle East Studies Association annual conference (online due to COVID), October 16, 2020

Panelist on the panel "Protests and State Violence in Egypt and Jordan," May 4 Visitor Center, Kent State University, February 1, 2019

"Fighting Violence Against Women: The Role of New Youth Activists and Established Feminist Organizations in Fighting Sexual Harassment in Egypt and Tunisia," Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November 15-18, 2019

"Media Openings in Political Transitions and Women's Rights: The Case of Egypt," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 31-September 4, 2016

"Constrained but Continuous: Social Activism Under Sisi," Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 18-20, 2016

Co-organized, with Marc Lynch, "Women in the Middle East Political Sphere After the Uprisings" workshop, March 10, 2016, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. The proceedings were published as Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Studies No. 19, "Women and Gender in Middle East Politics"

"How Working to Stop Sexual Assault at Protests in Cairo Affects Women's Rights Organizing," Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, October 10-13, 2013

"How Women's Rights Activism is Changing in Post-Mubarak Egypt: The Case of Groups Challenging Sexual Harassment and Protest Assault," American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29-September 1, 2013

"How Activists for Women's Rights In Egypt Understand and Respond to Sexual Assault at Protests: Implications for Women's Rights Organizing" at the Project on Middle East Political Science workshop, Washington, D.C., May 23-24, 2013

"The Politics of Passing Women's Rights Legislation in Morocco, Jordan, Yemen and Egypt under Mubarak: Some (Very) Preliminary Hypotheses," Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C. December 1-4, 2011

"It's the Economy, Stupid": A Comparative Perspective on Workers and Unions in the Egyptian and Tunisian Uprisings," Project on Middle East Politics workshop on Democratic Transitions in the Arab World, George Washington University, May 19-20, 2011

"Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Parliamentarians on Girls' and Women's Rights Legislation: the Case of the 2008 Child Law," American Political Science Association Annual Convention, September 2-5, 2010

"When Does Women's Rights Legislation Get Passed? Preliminary Hypotheses From Jordan, Yemen, Egypt, and Morocco," Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, New England Middle East Politics Workshop, Harvard University, March 19-21, 2010.

"The Politics of Passing Women-Friendly Legislation in Arab Parliaments," Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, International Studies Association Annual Convention 2010, February 17-19, 2010, New Orleans.

"Islam, Women's Rights, and Democracy: Experiences from the Arab World," Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, presented at the "Varieties of Democracy" conference at Wesleyan University, May 1-2, 2009

"Moving Beyond Democracy: What Causes Variations in the Level of Gender Equality across Arab States?" Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, New England Middle East Politics Working Group Workshop, Cornell University, March 27-28, 2009

"Moving Beyond Democracy: What Causes Variations in the Level of Gender Equality across Arab States?" Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, American Political Science Association, August 28 – August 31, 2008

"The Democratic Deficit and Gender Attitudes: Do Attitudes Towards Women's Role Actually Affect Women's Rights and Levels of Democracy?" Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, "Politics of the Middle East Working Group" Workshop, Princeton University, April 19, 2008

"The Democratic Deficit and Gender Attitudes: Do Attitudes Towards Women's Role Actually Affect Women's Rights and Levels of Democracy?" Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, American Political Science Association, August 30 – September 2, 2007

"Using the Web to Study Middle East Newspapers and Activists," American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington, February 18-21, 2006

"Does Gender Discrimination Explain Arab Authoritarianism?" Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, November 19-22, 2005

"Too Much Civil Society, Too Little Politics: The Case of Egypt," New England Political Science Association conference, Providence, May, 2003

"Tentative Propositions on NGOs and Democratization in the Arab World," American Political Science Association conference, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002

"State School Systems As Conduits for Religious Nationalism: The Cases of Colonial Egypt and Indonesia," Middle East Studies Association conference, San Francisco, November 17-20, 2001

"What Role Can Advocacy NGOs Play in Democratizing Authoritarian Regimes? The Case of Human Rights Groups in Egypt." American Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, August 29-September 2, 2001

"Educating for Islamism: The Educational and Employment Networks of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and Muhammadiya in Indonesia," National Endowment for the Humanities Conference on Poverty and Charity in Islamic Societies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 4-7, 2000

Discussant of "Two Types of Islamic Radicalism in Uzbekistan: the IMU versus the *Hizb-ut-Tahrir*," Workshop on "The Roots of Islamic Radicalism," Yale University, May 10, 2004

Talks

"Feminist Activism During Political Transitions: Fighting Sexual Harassment in Post- Mubarak Egypt," Providence College, November 2, 2016

"Women's Rights After the Arab Uprisings," at the workshop "The Arab Uprisings Explained: A Half-Day Conference," George Washington University, October 3, 2014, "Sexual Assault, Activism, and the Cairo Protests," Sidore Lecture Series, Center for the Humanities, University of New Hampshire, September 29, 2014

"Women, Revolution, and War: A Conversation on Upheaval in the Arab World" panel discussion, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, April 24, 2014

"Complicating the Question of Women's Rights in the Middle East," as part of the New Hampshire International Seminar series at the University of New Hampshire, November 18, 2010

"How Secularizing Colonial Education Systems Helped Spread Religious Movements – If Not Always Their Beliefs – in Egypt and North India," Seminar Series on Islam in the Modern World organized by the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, February 26, 2008

"How the Building of Colonial Education Systems Facilitated the Spread of Religious Nationalist Movements: The Arya Samaj in India and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt," University of Virginia, March 31, 2004

"Islamism, Democracy, and Autocracy: The Post-9/11 Debate," International Forum for Democratic Studies, Washington, D.C., March 11, 2002

"A Tale of Two Islamist Movements: The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and Muhammadiya in Indonesia," at the seminar "Education, Islam and the State: Middle Eastern, South and Southeast Asian Contexts," Center for Middle East Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 14, 2002

"Egyptian Islamists: From the Muslim Brotherhood to the Islamic Jihad," Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, City University of New York Graduate Center, November 30, 2001

"Democracy in Egypt: A Discussion of the Recent Elections," Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania, January 18, 2001

Courses Taught

Democratization and Women's Rights, as a seminar, a lecture, and a summer online course
Middle East Politics
Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East
Social Lives of Muslim Youth (Montserrat first-year seminar)
U.S. Policy in the Muslim World (also titled "U.S. Policy at Home & Abroad") (Montserrat first-year seminar)
Honors Seminar: Political and Social Life in the Muslim World
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Democratization
Religion and Politics: Middle East
Nationalism
Religion and Politics
Honors Seminar: Religion and Nationalism

Recent/Selected Service to Holy Cross

E-board, GSWS and PCON, 2025-6

Member of the Ribbons Podium Project (commemoration of faculty sexual misconduct), 2025-26

Director, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies concentration, 2021-2024

Co-chair, 50th anniversary of co-education committee

Member, Committee on Faculty Affairs, Fall 2023-Fall 2026

Member, Peace and Conflict Studies faculty board

Faculty Advisor, Arab Students Association (2023-24)

Vice-president, Holy Cross AAUP chapter (2021-2023)

Chair, *ad hoc* Committee on Faculty Sexual Misconduct (February 2019-February 2020)

Member, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies executive board (2018-9)

First year advisor (2018-9)

Member, *ad hoc* committee to redesign the thesis component of the Washington Semester program (2018-9)

Director, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Holy Cross, 2003-5, 2007-11, 2012-13, and member of the PCON Faculty Committee since 2013

Service to the Profession

Member of the Middle East Studies Association Committee on Academic Freedom, North America wing (responds to violations of the academic freedom of faculty teaching on the Middle East in the U.S. and Canada), November 2023-present

Member of the board of directors, *Middle East Report*, February 2019 – present

Member of the steering committee of the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS). POMEPS, based at George Washington University, seeks to increase the influence of academic studies of Middle East politics on U.S. policymaking and to strengthen the study of Middle East politics; it is funded by grants from foundations including the Carnegie Corporation and the Henry Luce Foundation. Fall 2014-2017.

Member of the Committee on Academic Freedom of the Middle East Studies Association, 2013 - November 2019 (researching and writing letters to governments on human rights abuses against academics, particularly in Egypt)

Discussant, American Political Science Association – Middle East and North Africa Political Science Research and Publication Conference (discussing and shepherding to publication work by graduate students and early career Ph.D.s in political science, largely from the MENA region), Tunis, July 25- 27, 2017

Member of the Editorial Committee of *Middle East Report*, Spring 2000 - 2005

Vice Chair of the Editorial Committee of *Middle East Report*, Fall 2002 – Fall 2005

Grants and Awards

Research and Publication Grant, College of the Holy Cross, Winter 2018-9 (for a fieldwork trip to Cairo, Jan 1-12, 2019)

Research and Publication Grant, College of the Holy Cross, Summer 2014

Project on Middle East Political Science Travel-Research-Engagement Grant, Fall 2013

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant, Summer 2013

Research and Publication Grant for summer research, College of the Holy Cross, 2012

Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, Fall 2011

Batchelor Faculty Fellowship Award, College of the Holy Cross, Summer 2010

Arthur J. O'Leary Faculty Recognition Award, College of the Holy Cross, Spring 2007

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Summer 2002

Fellowship for Advanced Multi-Country Research, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), for fieldwork in New Delhi, India, and Cairo, Egypt, Spring 2001

Research and Publication Grant, College of the Holy Cross, Spring 2001

Charles & Rosanna Batchelor (Ford) Foundation Grant, College of the Holy Cross, Summer 2003 and Summer 2000

Fellow of Summer Academy 2000: History and Historiography: New Approaches and Perspectives, Institute of Islamic Studies, Free University of Berlin, September 18-29, 2000

Social Science Research Council-MacArthur Foundation Fellowship on Peace and Security in A Changing World, 1994-96

Fulbright-Hays Grant for dissertation fieldwork in Egypt, October 1993-December 1994

Service to the Community

Worked six-eight hours a week (from home) on hotline helping those affected by COVID navigate MA unemployment, including helping a client win an appeal for $6,000 in unemployment payments, Connect NGO in Chelsea, April – November 2020

Member of the Allston-Brighton Mutual Aid Association, 2020-22 (online meetings, shopping for and delivering food to community members

Shopping and delivery for the Newton Freedge (a community refrigerator where residents can take food)